

PATENT: Mail Stop AF
Customer No. 22,852
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BEFORE THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES

In re Application of:)
Eric GAUSSIER et al.) Group Art Unit: 2171
Application No.: 09/982,236) Examiner: NGUYEN, Cam Linh T.
Filed: October 19, 2001) Confirmation No.: 7611
For: METHODS, SYSTEMS AND)
ARTICLES OF MANUFACTURE)
FOR SOFT HIERARCHICAL)
CLUSTERING OF CO-)
OCCURRING OBJECTS)

Mail Stop AF
Commissioner for Patents
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NOTICE OF APPEAL UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 41.31

Sir:

Applicants appeal to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the Examiner's decision mailed December 21, 2005.

The item(s) checked below are appropriate:

1. A Petition for extension of time to respond to the final rejection was filed on [Date] extending the period for response to [Date].
2. A Petition for extension of time to further extend the period for response to [Date] is enclosed together with a fee of \$[Fee].
3. The Appeal Fee of \$500.00 was paid along with the Notice of Appeal filed on November 22, 2005.

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4. A check for \$[Fee] to cover the above fees is enclosed.

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Respectfully submitted,

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